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	First Named Inventor	Luc deBoer	
	Art Unit	3671	
	Examiner Name	Beach, Thomas A.	
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Date	August 23, 2005

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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					(\$ 0)

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims: 30 -20 \*\* = 0 X Fee from below = 0

Independent Claims: 9 -3 \*\* = 4 X 100 = 400

Multiple Dependent: X = 0

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>					(\$ 400.00)

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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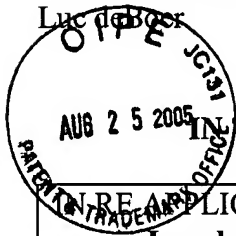
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>IN-RE APPLICATION OF:</b> <b>Luc deBoer</b>  SERIAL NO. 10/696,331  FILED: 10/29/2003  TITLE: SYSTEM FOR DRILLING OIL AND GAS WELLS USING A CONCENTRIC DRILL STRING TO DELIVER A DUAL DENSITY MUD	ATTY DKT NO. 122462.0002.007  GROUP ART UNIT: 3671  EXAMINER: Beach, Thomas A.
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED MAY 24, 2005**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2005, please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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